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## VBT sets up new committee to work on Lake Ordinance - again

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department is setting up a new committee to address the opposition to the proposed Lake Ordinance.

At its regular meeting on March 9, the VBT Planning Commission faced a roomful of more than 100 unhappy people who own property along Belleville Lake.

After more than an hour of discussion, the commission voted unanimously to follow the recommendation of Planning and Economic Development Director Ron Akers and Deputy Director Matthew Best to set aside the ordinance for now so objections can be studied and the ordinance amended.

Actually, Akers and Best had written the recommendation following two public meetings in February. The ordinance was due for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Feb. 24, but a snowstorm caused the township hall to be closed so there was no public hearing.

At its next meeting on March 9, rather than set another public hearing, the planning commission decided to pull the ordinance off the table and have a committee alter it before bringing it back.

A list of 77 objections to the ordinance were included in the letter from Akers and Best to the planning commission.

Akers said at the two large meetings already held, people especially felt written clarification was needed to define the specific meaning of "lawful existing" as relating to what couldn't be torn down on the lakeshore without notice.

"We want to get a small group of people together and listen to their concerns," said Best, saying ten had volunteered and he'll be asking another three.

After meeting with these people, the township would compile all those notes and comments and submit them to the

lakeshore planning committee and let them draft changes. Then, he said, they could have larger meetings where people could see the proposed document and ask questions and make comments for the next draft.

"If the subcommittee is satisfied, we'll bring it to the planning commission," Best said. "The more public input we can get and the more we can tweak it, we'll be able to get what residents want and what liability we have to satisfy for the FERC license."

Commission Vice Chairman Don Boynton said, "It makes good sense to me – the intention of involving all the staff, residents, stakeholders... We can wait and take our time."

"I would agree with the process," added township Treasurer Sharry Budd who sits on the commission.

"Obviously, it needs more work," agreed Commissioner Joan Franzoi.

Before making a motion to delay the ordinance, Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson asked for comments from the audience and she received 17 statements from the floor.

Several asked specifically to be allowed to serve on the township's new committee and at least three of them are attorneys.

Will Hawley, an attorney who lives in Mission Pointe, said there are a lot of concerns.

"Your website says this ordinance grandfathers in non-conforming structures, but that's false," Hawley said.

He said he was on the original lake committee. He said there are 250 homeowners and massive consequences for them with this ordinance.

"I guess 50 structures on the lake would never comply," Hawley said. "The U of M field house would never comply."

"Ron and Matt, I think you are doing

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Photo courtesy Belleville High School

The Belleville High School wrestling team won its fourth-consecutive Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship this year. Chris Brown, Caleb Brown, Kyre Boatman, Andrew Antolin, and David Tooley all won individual first place in the league tournament. Chris, Caleb, and David also qualified for the individual wrestling state tournament with twins Chris placing eighth and Caleb third.

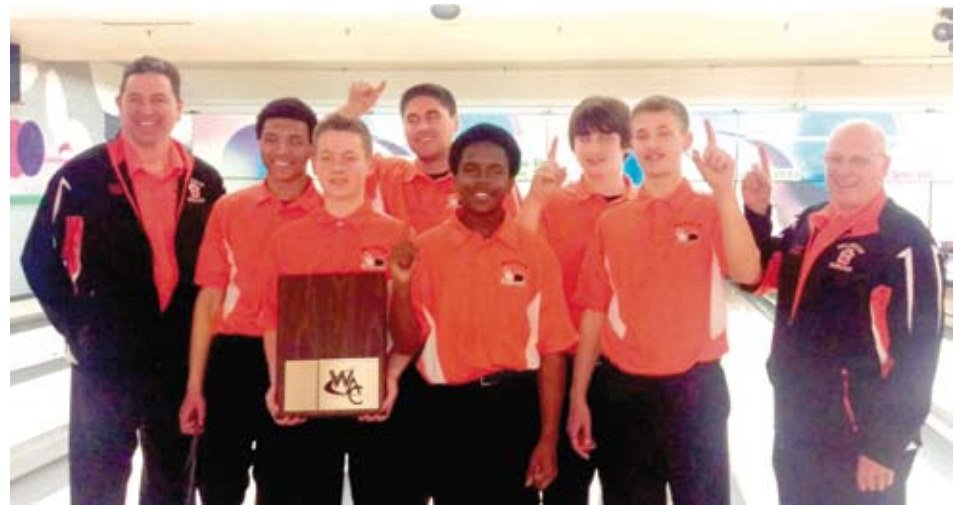


Photo courtesy Belleville High School

The Belleville High School Varsity Boys' Bowling team completed an undefeated regular season, 15-0. The team finished in the top three in Regionals, qualifying for States. At States, the team placed 13th. From left, are Coach Sam Villa, Tobias Bacon, Brandon DeFelice, Jacob Hill, Richard Allison, Dylan Bentley, Kyle Dybicki, and Coach Phil Roberts.

## BHS men's basketball ends districts with 67-43 loss to Lincoln Ypsilanti

On Monday night, the Belleville High School Men's Basketball Team ended its participation in the district regionals with a 67-43 loss to Lincoln Ypsilanti at Lincoln

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BHS hosted the regionals last week and the Tigers won all three of their games played at BHS. Season play: 16-4.

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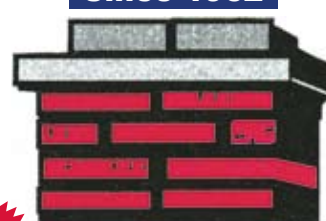
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## Lakeshore

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the best you can, but when you say 'grandfathered,' it's not," Hawley said. "I'm maintaining your property," he said referring to the township's ownership of the lakeshore. "That's a tax."

"Letters need to go out," he said. "Many people affected don't even know... You'd have to comply with every DNR regulation."

Hawley said if he is going to sell his home the buyer might ask if he followed all the rules on the lakeshore and he had, but, "I'd have to tell them the township can order you to tear it out at any time for no reason."

Hawley stated, "No court has ever ordered you to do anything. The judge recommended in 1992."

And, he said, he read the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license and it doesn't say the township has to have an ordinance.

"The biggest defender of downed trees is Van Buren Township," Hawley said, noting the trees in the water along the park never saw a chain saw.

He said there are people in the audience that have lived on this lake for 20 to 30 years and they can give historic information on the situation.

Applause punctuated the conclusion of his statement.

A man said he has lived on the lake for five years and he is "severely shocked" that the township wants to take his riparian rights away. He said the woman planner said a judge ruled it, but that's not true. Again, she said it's really a recommendation.

He said a neighbor told him he wasn't going to any meeting because this happened 10 years ago and the township keeps trying to do something.

Officials had mentioned at a previous meeting that this is the fourth time a lake ordinance has been prepared, with the last three failing to be approved by the township board.

The man said a township tree fell onto his dock and crushed it out. He said he took out 10 trees that floated into that cove, cut them up and removed them. He said the trees are falling into the lake from the township's islands in the lake.

More applause.

Aaron Sellers introduced himself as the owner of the infamous property at 13080 Lake Pointe Pass that caused the judge to make a recommendation. He said the residents are expected to adhere to the policies, but VBT was supposed to maintain the lake and eradicate the lily pads and it's not doing that.

Laura Ridenour of Harmony Lane warned the commission that words have meaning and using "ordered" instead of

"recommended" leads to a distrust.

She stressed that in the ordinance every single word needs to be properly used and its meaning legally known.

"The entire 24 pages concern me," Ridenour said, adding the grandfather issue is only one problem.

She said she called the township and a woman told her 60% of all mail to residents on the lake is undeliverable. She found that difficult to believe, especially since there are tax bills mailed.

Best started to comment on the BYC meeting he attended and Ridenour commented, "Which women can't join."

He said they did not keep a log of attendees at that meeting since the BYC doesn't do that, but they wrote comments and will call those that commented.

Best said he has 14 on his list, which included stakeholders (which he clarified was BYC), property owners, and businesses.

A woman noted that the FERC license with the township went into effect in 1987 and it's a 40-year license in its last 10 years. She asked if the ordinance isn't in effect will FERC not renew it?

She asked what the real reason was behind the ordinance. She said if it's because the township thinks, "Your stuff looks like crap and we want to do something about it," she could understand that, if she didn't like it, but at least it would be true.

"It comes across that way," she said.

A FERC representative came in a year ago and then the representative retired.

"Did they ask to see the ordinance?" she asked and Thompson said she didn't know. The township didn't get fined.

"Who knows where it came from?" Ridenour asked and Thompson replied it came from the township supervisor and board.

"So we can defeat them in the next election," a man called out.

A man said the residents were looking for the commission to drop the ordinance completely. He asked how much the township paid McKenna for the 24 pages and Thompson said that isn't separated from the other planning services McKenna provides.

The man said McKenna came to the last meeting and acted like they were part of the township board. Their name is on every page of the ordinance, he said.

More applause.

Jeff Hodges, a real estate broker since 1985 who lives in Bayshore, said he sold more real estate on the lake counting the condos. He said the township is the worst offender on downed trees. He said he took pictures at Van Buren Park and more than 10 trees were falling down into the lake in just one area.

"You tell people to control erosion on their lake front and you don't," he said to the commission. "You're going to destroy

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**-- Doug Peters, an attorney from North Shore Drive**

the character of the lake."

He asked if anyone had received one benefit from the hydroelectric dam and if the federal government is sticking its nose in personal business, they should get rid of it.

Another man volunteered to be on committee stating, "People want their stuff on the lake protected."

More applause.

A man who lives on Potter Drive in the city of Belleville asked for Belleville to be on the committee. "I don't think we have a voice," he said.

More applause.

Tim Gregory of Lakeview Court said FERC seems to be the driving force and, "Can we make them go away and still have a dam and a lake?"

He said Ford Lake is no longer making power and this dam in VBT is just making enough to maintain itself.

Treasurer Sharpy Budd said the dam is putting power on the grid and pays \$40,000 to \$50,000 to VBT, which is used to patrol the lake.

Thompson said Ford Lake is an impoundment, like Belleville Lake, and it is governed by FERC.

"When are we going to hear what are we trying to accomplish?" asked Kathlene Walch, an attorney who lives on Harmony Lane. "Trying to get FERC off our back? Clean up the nasty stuff on the lake? It's 24 pages."

Doug Peters, an attorney from North Shore Drive, told about what it was like when the dam was condemned and the lake disappeared. There were barbed wire fences and trees and you could not build there because it was all flood plain.

He said the township did not have the money to repair the dam and it took \$10 million, although it has been referred to as the \$5 million dam.

"We decided to approach FERC," he said. Detroit Edison did not want the dam back.

"We made a deal with FERC," he said, adding that the township was expected to get \$150,000 a year, but it ended up \$45,000-\$50,000. It was supposed to go to the people who paid the special

assessment.

He said 4, 5, 6 people on the lake were dying and the township didn't have the money for policing, so they used the money for VBT and Wayne County to police the lake. They were parasailing and it was dangerous, he said.

Peters said he's from New Hampshire and he doesn't like to be told what to do. It's the "Live Free or Die" state, he said.

They want an ordinance so they all have the same rules, he said. Every time they sue a neighbor they sue the township and start shoveling money in lawyers' pockets.

"The problem is MDEQ, now a toothless tiger because almost all enforcers are laid off. But, it could come back," he said.

"I want to keep the dam so we can keep the lake and have some money directed to police," he said. "I have three properties on North Shore Drive and every one is out of compliance."

"The township needs to be arbiter on the lake, so people don't shovel money into lawyers' pockets," he said.

"But the ordinance presented to the public should be DOA – dead on arrival," he said. "It's a good-faith effort, I hope, but not a quality job."

He counseled, "Whoever is most concerned should be on the committee. Do not try to keep anyone away. Take the noisiest, most obnoxious ... person and make them the chairman."

Rod Moody of Potter Drive said the City of Belleville owns the property next door to him and since he moved in there have been logs laying in there. He said nobody contacts Belleville to clean up their mess, but they notify the residents to let them know.

More applause.

The commission then voted to pass the motion to put aside the ordinance for more work.

In other business at the two hour meeting on March 9, the commission:

- Held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, specifying that medical marihuana cultivation facilities should be in the M-2 General Industrial zoning district. A vote on the amendment will be considered at a future commission meeting;

- Approved final temporary land use for Phantom of Michigan to sell fireworks at the Lakewood Shopping Plaza from June 15 to July 5; and

- Approved the preliminary site plan for Belleville Development, Inc., for construction of Town Place Suites Hotel, a 121-room motel at the northeast corner of Quirk Road and the I-94 North Service Drive.

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Weak school board holds can of worms

The Van Buren School Board met for more than three hours Monday night with a crowd packed tightly into the high school's mini auditorium.

The board, absent vice president Martha Toth, listened to representatives from four firms and then chose the Michigan Association of School Boards to conduct the search for a superintendent at a cost of \$7,200. The board wants a new superintendent by July 1.

Trustee Sherry Frazier tried to get fellow board members to immediately put back to work the five teachers the former superintendent had removed in December, but board members didn't budge. In fact, Trustee Kelly Owen refused to say even one word in a brief, but loud, board discussion on the issue. Trustee Allison Bennett said it would be "kind of sticking our neck out" to put the teachers back to work without the OK of the attorney.

President Brent Mikulski said the board's attorney couldn't be present that night but will be here for next Monday's work/study session. President Mikulski turned it into a special meeting so action can be taken if the board likes, but he's not promising anything.

Sounds like they'll start out with another closed-door session on the long-festering Savage situation and then come back for discussion by the board and public. Everyone agrees the Savage fiasco has to be settled before the superintendent search begins. What candidate would want to work for this weak board that's holding a can of worms?

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On the voucher list for Tuesday's regular Van Buren Township board meeting were two bills from engineers Wade Trim. One was for Aldi Food Market and one was for "Multi-Tenant Retail Building."

Supervisor Linda Combs told me Aldi is coming in behind Auto Zone, next to Meijer. The other business will be occupying the vacant part of the new building between Starbuck's and Qdoba. That's going to be a SVS Vision, formerly called Sterling Vision Service.

Those new businesses haven't been mentioned in public meetings as coming to VBT, so it's interesting to learn about them.

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We've been informed that the annual Frozen Leprechaun event that usually is put on by the Belleville Lake Ski Club at Johnny's on the Lake for St. Patrick's Day is not being held this year for a variety of reasons.

Mainly, the BYC will be having a St. Patrick's Day party and Egan's Pub will be having its usual big event, so why compete?

A member said the Ski Club, which raises funds for worthy causes, may do something for Cinco de Mayo. But, I've learned, the BYC is hosting a benefit Cinco de Mayo event for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

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One of the poll workers at a Belleville city precinct said one of the procedures is to call out the ballot number for each voter to double check it on the computer. A young lady voter stood by while he called out "ten eighty-eight." The woman voter



reached into her purse to get out her money to pay and when the poll worker realized what she was doing he quickly assured her that her vote was FREE.

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Belleville Planning Commission Chairman Steve Jones told me there is a pay phone in the north end of the Van Buren Township Meijer's store. We've been saying the only pay phone left in town was at the library. We are wrong. There's another one.

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Last week, State Rep. Pat Somerville, R, of New Boston, introduced HB 5438 that requires base pay compensation, without overtime, bonuses, accumulated sick or vacation times to calculate pension benefits for public employees. That means the overtime that police officers rack up in their final years of service would no longer be used to get them bigger pensions. We'll see where that bill goes.

Also State Rep. Gary Glenn, R, Midland, introduced HB 5444 that replaces the Common Core curriculum standards. And, Senator Coleman Young, II, D-Detroit, introduced SB 851 that requires gun owners to hold firearm liability insurance.

It will be interesting to watch these bills make their way through the legislature – or die in committee, as so many do.

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At Monday's 10-minute work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, they talked, briefly about

transferring money from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay, so they could use it to tear down the brick Riggs house, built in 1867, at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road. The transfer will be made April 5.

I said I understand that they discussed this at a budget session last fall that I was unable to attend and I asked why they made the decision.


Supervisor Linda Combs was absent and Clerk Leon Wright was presiding at the meeting. He said the engineers and DPW people said it would take a lot of work and money to bring it up to code. And, it would need an elevator to bring people upstairs. Also, asbestos is in the house.

When asked if the item would be brought publicly before the board for a decision, Director Ron Akers said it wouldn't because demolition will be under \$20,000 and under the purchasing policy, it doesn't need formal approval.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she was interested in saving the brick, if possible, and Akers said there has been conversation to see if the brick is salvageable. If it is they'll find something to do with it, he said.

I don't like tearing down old houses.





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## Letters

### Local flags weren't dipped for Mrs. Reagan

To the Editor:

I begin my letter with this Presidential Proclamation posted on the White House website on March 7, 2016:

Presidential Proclamation - Nancy Reagan  
DEATH OF NANCY REAGAN  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the memory of Nancy Reagan, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, on the day of interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA

Flags should have been lowered from March 7 to March 11. It's amazing that several of our local governments did not lower their flags to half-staff. Belleville didn't. Sumpter Township didn't (except for the fire hall, which did lower its flags). Secretary of State in Belleville didn't. Van Buren Township got it right and did lower their flags.

According to State of Michigan Executive Order No. 2013-10, flags should be lowered at all state buildings if the federal government orders their flag to be lowered. Sumpter lowered its flag to half-staff for a month honoring Trustee & Fireman Bill Hamm when he passed away, but not a former First Lady? I guess she was married to a president of the wrong party (Republican).

James Otzman  
VBT resident

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### What's going on with Sumpter recycling bins?

To the Editor:

I enjoy the thought of recycling and participate in doing so with my large family but actually wonder where it goes after leaving Sumpter.

Without giving too much detail, I recently witnessed a recycle bin (30-yard dumpster) being dumped in the landfill at Carleton Farms. And though I'm not positive it came from Sumpter, I believe it did because I am in the business.

All receiving recycle centers pay out for inbound material by weight when the truck brings a loaded bin to the facility. My question to the township would be where does this money go or are they knowingly letting this get dumped at the landfill just to please us residents that we have a green community?

Please let me unknown and thank you.

Sumpter Township resident

**Editor's Note:** Karen Woodington, administrative assistant to Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan, looked into this question for us. She reported that the township has a contract with Republic Waste to provide the dumpsters for recyclables and to recycle the contents. But, if people put things into the bins that are not recyclable that contaminates the load and the contents are dumped into the landfill instead. Republic does not have employees to pick through the dumpsters to get rid of those things that cannot be recycled, she said.

### Wouldn't attend Strawberry Fest in park

To the Editor:

This is in response to "Why can't the Strawberry Festival be at VB Park?"

Where would the vendors set up? This event impacts several churches in the area, too.

The park does not have any better parking (for the amount of people that come to the Strawberry Festival) and if the vendors set up in the grassy area, the ground is very uneven for walking. The stage is not useable.

As for the view [of the lake], it is not that easy to see with the foliage and the road down to the beach (the last time I was in the park) is treacherous. Our group also had problems with bees in the shelter we used. There was a nest in the broken concrete floor. The electricity in the shelter cannot sustain two roasters; many of the vendors need electricity.

I personally would not attend if it is in the park.

Thank you.  
Beverly Conry

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."  
— Steve Martin



## VFW Post still has 18 flags to give away free

The Belleville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 is running its Community Service Project for the year: "Operation Torn and Tattered."

VBT Quartermaster Adjutant Ross Medaus said Monday that out of 53 brand-new flags they had to give away, they still have 18 left to exchange for tattered flags. Once swapped, the old flags will be properly retired in a flag burning ceremony.

People wishing to take advantage of the flag swap are invited to call the VFW Post at (734) 697-0505 and leave a clear message, repeating slowly the name of the caller and the phone number. A VFW member will return the call and make arrangements for the swap.

At the March 6 Bugles Across America event at the Veterans' Memorial, arrangements were made in advance and the VFW exchanged 26 flags that night.



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## Obituaries



John Howard Hoops

### JOHN HOWARD HOOPS

(March 21, 1936 – February 26, 2016)

John H. Hoops, age 79, of Westland, died February 26, 2016. Beloved husband of Veronica. Loving father of John Jr. (Tammy), Angela (David) Hoops-Cossey and Barry. Dearest grandfather of Ashley Hoops, Raegan Cossey, Maddison Cossey and Emmelia Cossey.

Memorial Service, Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. 2 Towne Square. Family requests donations to American Lung Assoc., Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra or the church. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Please visit and sign a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



John Leo Bialas

### JOHN LEO BIALAS

(June 4, 1925 – March 13, 2016)

John Leo Bialas, age 90, of Alpena, formerly of Rogers City, Belleville, and Roseville, passed away March 13, 2016 at Tendercare Green View in Alpena.

He was born June 4, 1925 in Detroit to Joseph and Anna (Sledzinska) Bialas.

John is survived by daughter Mary Anna (Steven) Thompson of Alpena; grandson Gregory (Kim Miller) Ritchie of Alpena; dearest companion Eugenia Lajdziak of Roseville; her children Robert (Jill) Lajdziak, Dan (Donna) Lajdziak, and Renee (Fred) Nienstedt; and family.

Mr. Bialas was preceded in death by his wife Stella, in 1999 and sister-in-law Loretta Arminski in 2004.

Friends may visit at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Friday, March 18, from 9 a.m. through time of Mass at 10 a.m., with Fr. Sylvestre Obwaka officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Ignatius Church or School in memory of Mr. Bialas.

Interment will take place at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI.

Family wishes to thank the caring staff of Tendercare Green View for their wonderful care of Dad.

Online condolences may be addressed through [www.beckfuneralhome.org](http://www.beckfuneralhome.org).



Steven J. Morin

### STEVEN J. MORIN, SR.

(February 8, 1961 – March 10, 2016)

Lifelong Belleville resident Steven J. Morin Sr. passed away on March 10, 2016 at the age of 55. He was preceded in death by his mother Christine E. Morin and father Loren C. Morin.

The youngest of three sons, he is survived by two brothers, Loren, Jr. and Phil, and their families as well as three sons of his own, Steven John Morin, Jr., his wife Chelsie and their son Cameron; Christopher Lee Morin, his wife Stacie and their two children Caven and Laylee; and youngest son Joseph Albert Morin and his fiancée Jane Daniels.

Born into a family with a history in the construction field, Steve also had a fascination with all things automotive and spent many years of his young adulthood working for General Motors. There was nothing in the home or driveway beyond his expertise or ability to repair.

Later in life, Steve found his true calling as a member of the Sumpter Police Department. There, he was able to serve the community he loved and fulfill his strong desire to help any he found in need. Even to his last days, whenever he spoke of his time on the force, his eyes would show the pride and honor he felt remembering the ten years he served.

Like his father, Steve was an avid outdoorsman and when he did find time to relax, he would do so hunting and fishing at his family's property in Northern Michigan. Steve showed the truest example of strength beyond strength by living well for nearly two decades after his health first took a turn for the worse, showing that a positive mental attitude and strong familial love is essential to life. Even at his weakest moments, Mr. Morin remained a pillar of strength and knowledge for his friends, family and friends of family and could always be counted on for advice or direction in any aspect of life. They say a person is measured by their legacy and it is without doubt Steve's legacy will be carried on by his children, the finest examples of men. They were shown by their father it's possible to be both tough and sensitive, to be the possessors and sharers of much knowledge, and that it's possible to excel at more than one facet in life.

The legacy of Steven John Morin is that of a giant of a man who made the hearts of all who knew him heavier with his passing. Those same hearts, though, when done grieving, will be made larger for having known him.

His funeral service was held Wednesday, March 16, at Janowiak Funeral Home in Sumpter Township.

## More Letters

**Thank you to friends,  
 family for kindnesses**

To the Editor:

Sincere thanks to friends and family for their kindness during our recent loss. Gifts of contributions were made to VFW. Beautiful flowers were shared with family and friends.

Thank you,  
 Family of Chet Thurston

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 Obituaries on  
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# Obituaries



Thelma M. Blanck

## THELMA M. BLANCK

(January 2, 1925 – March 13, 2016)

Thelma M. Blanck, age 91, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016 at her home. She was born January 2, 1925 in Brighton, MI, daughter of Rufus & Carrie V. (West) Darlington.

Thelma worked for Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Road Plant for 28 years before she retired. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, for over 50 years. She was in the choir for many years, helped planning funeral luncheons and planned and hosted the coffee hour for nine years. She was also a member of the Historical Society. Mrs. Blanck enjoyed volunteering for the Belleville Area Museum and at City Hall helping with absentee ballots. She loved traveling and spending time at her summer home in Lake Leelanau, MI. She was a huge Detroit Red Wing fan and attended their training camp in Traverse City, MI. She enjoyed playing cards, especially Bunco, word search puzzles, knitting and crocheting. She loved reading the Belleville Area Independent and the Lake Leelanau Enterprise every week, cover to cover. Thelma was also an awesome cook. She is survived by her daughter Kathie Woods of Belleville, daughter-in-law Patricia Blanck of Powder Springs, GA, also several nieces, nephews, great-nieces & great-nephews, other family and numerous friends.

Thelma was the youngest of four children. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Vern Darlington, two sisters Marian Hudson and Dormae Musolf, also a son Kendall Blanck on March 25, 1998.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service is being planned. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church Food Pantry or United Methodist Women at 417 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111; or to Leelanau Conservancy, 105 N. First Street, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654 (231) 256-9665, [www.leelanauconservancy.org](http://www.leelanauconservancy.org), and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## TIMOTHY P. BIESZK

(August 29, 1963 – March 12, 2016)

Timothy Paul Bieszk, age 52, of Roseville, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016 at his home. He was born August 29, 1963, son of Paul Herbert & Faye (Krutz) Bieszk.

Tim moved to Roseville about two years ago. He was originally from the Belleville area. He was a hard worker at a steel factory. He enjoyed bicycling and spending time with his family. He is survived by three children, Amber (Joseph Martenka) Bieszk of Belleville, MI, Matthew Bieszk of Ypsilanti and Alyssa Bieszk of Roseville, MI; one grandson Ian Barbee; one sister Lori (Terry) Calhoun of Belleville, MI; one niece Danielle (Eric) Joye and one nephew Brian Ensich, both of Belleville, MI. Tim was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service is being planned. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for the Bieszks to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## More Letters

### Discipline, Truth, Responsibility

To the Editor:

Re: *Belleville Independent*, Vol. 22.9, Thursday, March 3, 2016, pages 1 and 11, Civil Rights

There must be some truth to the accusation to oral rape to her daughter by a mother to inform the civil rights organization and to place her family with public shame for her righteous anger.

Well, our community is informed of such a happening at BHS in 2014. It is good that our local newspaper is the eyes and ears of reporting to us about a criminal act in the BHS parking area. However, this may be here/hear say because of the failure of the security cameras being out of order. Therefore, no proof of such a happening.

With all that said, it is imperative that the maintenance crew each day check the security cameras for working order when they raise the U.S. flag. An important routine so that there will never again be proof in question, negative or positive, about acts of behavior in public areas of our schools.

Today we are faced with too much violence. Just reading the news or watching

it on TV we are becoming a violent nation. You have seen, maybe witnessed, shootings, stealing, murder, bullying, disrespect, etc., and ... some of these doings are by teens.

We adults sometimes forget the true sense of the rule what is right as to correct civil behavior. It is a poor excuse to brush it off with such words as: "They're just kids feeling their oats." However if those oats or whatever you want to call them are criminal then we have a real problem. When that child is taught at home (not school). Correct behaviors so they know what is right or wrong. If you do not nip it in the bud then that child will suffer the consequences by law for unacceptable behavior. Children need wisdom and guidance by the adults who gave them life to mature in a disciplined and responsible way.

For the good of all we need to obey the laws to live in peace with ourselves and our neighbors. Otherwise we will be reprimanded by those who are employed to follow the letter of the law.

Having written all the above, and the reason for this missive, is to tell that youth or youths that criminal act of oral rape is not, OK. You or anyone so inclined will be dealt with by law immediately and to bear the consequences.

One recommendation that works is to incarcerate the individual behind bars (jail) for a period of time for the offense for him/her to think, do their studies and may only have a radio, no electronic devices, no visitors for their stay. It is called Tough

Love. A wake-up call.

It may hopefully make a mind-set for others to take notice of what can happen with bad behavior. We need to stop VIOLENCE.

For the victims of these perpetrators, we need to look at their well-being and to find a way for them to heal. If it be a school happening, then it is wise for them to be home-bound to heal with a visiting teacher to be in attendance to help them with their studies.

Please let us find and make peace in our community. Follow the Golden Rule.

G. Bitnar

Van Buren Township



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Two Van Buren Township police officers were having coffee at Starbuck's at about 6:47 a.m. Saturday, when they noticed smoke coming from a home on Dewitt Street, not far away. Police knocked on doors and checked with neighbors on whether anyone was in the house and were assured no one was there because the owner's car was gone. Fire fighters from Van Buren Township aided by the city of Belleville put out the fire in the home of Larry Bodenmiller, who was not home at the time. Fire fighters waited outside on the lawn and rehydrated, above, about four hours later as a team sprayed water up through a ventilation hole in the roof. Bodenmiller later said he had noticed some electrical interruptions over the past few days.

## Belleville Planning Commission reviews Sign Ordinance

By Rosemary K. Oztzman  
Independent Editor

In an hour-long meeting on March 10, the Belleville Planning Commission reviewed its 33-page Sign Ordinance with the help of planning consultant Jill Bahm of ClearZoning, who put the ordinance together in 2014.

At the commission's next meeting on April 14, Bahm will bring back recommendations for changes and will address how to deal with the temporary signs supported by a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Building Official Rick Rutherford noted that what's available online on city ordinances is not exact and the online version needs updating. Bahm said she needs to get notice of updates as they are made.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Chairman Steve Jones, Vice-Chairman Michael Hawkins, John Juriga, Matthew Wagner, Jesse Marcotte, and Jim Fitch. Absent were Henry Kurczewski, Mike Renaud, and Becky Hasen.

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The fourth-annual charity basketball tournament to benefit St. Vincent de Paul charities is set for Saturday, March 19, at the Belleville High School gymnasium, 501 West Columbia Ave.

Teams will represent the Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter police, and fire departments.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children over 10 years old. The evening will include door prizes, a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, food, drink, and fun.

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session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 22 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Monday, April 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville

City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Monday, April 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.



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• Monday, March 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study

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# McBride student testifies before State Senate on new bill

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Eric Tice, 13, a McBride Middle School student who lives in Sumpter Township, is going to Lansing twice this month, once to testify on a Senate Bill.

On March 15, he was before the State Senate Judiciary Committee to tell them what Senate Bill 458 would mean to him and other children in amending the state Adoption Code.

Currently in the adoption law there are roadblocks to the parent's new spouse adopting the child, even if the natural parent has abandoned the child.

Eric read a letter he had written that started out, "I just want to call someone Dad. My biological father is not a part of my life and hasn't been in years. My mom met and married a really great guy, who I

now think of as my Dad..."

The impassioned letter is signed Eric Tice (soon-to-be Eric Osaer).

His mother Renee Osaer said they have finally found a way for her husband Junior Osaer to adopt Eric, but her son wanted to work to change the law to help other children.

Eric has eosinophilic esophagitis, a very complex disease that attacks the digestive system and blood. It depletes the body of iron and essential nutrients necessary for proper development and physical growth.

The symptoms associated with this disease are painful cramping, bleeding, vomiting, and polyps.



Eric

He also was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, asthma, inoperable tumors on his back, having a hole in his heart, and connective tissue disorder. He relies on a feeding tube for his nutrition.

Eric's second trip to Lansing will be on March 24 to speak at Michigan Rare Disease Day at the State Capitol's Glass Floor Rotunda. The day is sponsored by the National Organization for Rare Disorders.

Eric and his mother are on the agenda to speak at 11:35 a.m. She represents Guided Steps Charity, a group the family organized

to help others with childhood illnesses.

Eric is the only speaker who has a rare disease. Other speakers are mothers of those with rare diseases, organization leaders, and State Senators.

Eric also has been designated the Team Hero of Team Eric which will take part in a 300-mile, three-day bike charity ride that ends July 31 in Dewitt, MI.

Eric was featured in a front-page story in the *Independent* on Oct. 1 which told about his tree house put up by the Make A Wish Foundation.

## Huron Valley Ambulance event to teach safety to kids

Huron Valley Ambulance is having a free event called "Andy the Ambulance Calls 911," for children ages 4-7. This event teaches children about what to do in emergencies, and about people who can help throughout their community.

This includes a "What's my Address?" craft, tours of an ambulance and tours of fire and police cars, along with mock calls to dispatchers to practice.

The event will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, at 7981 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township Fire Station #2.

Space is limited to 30 children, so parents are asked to register their children in advance at [andycalls911.com](http://andycalls911.com). Children must be accompanied by an adult at the event.

## You're invited to second Belleville meeting of League of Women Voters

The new Belleville-area group of the League of Women Voters will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, at The Q Events Center, 879 Sumpter Road in Belleville Plaza.

The group met for the first time in January and this is its second meeting. Everyone is invited. Plans are expected to be made for upcoming meet the candidate sessions in advance of August and November elections.

For more information, call Barbara Miller's law office at (734) 697-4455.

### Correction:

## Autism fund raiser is actually April 9

In the Feb. 25 issue of the *Independent*, we announced the annual autism fund raiser at the Belleville High School gym would be April 19. It isn't. It really is April 9. We regret the error.

Jenny Struble, a 12-year-old author, will have a book signing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, during the autism fund raiser.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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**A Bottle & Can Fundraiser** to benefit Belleville special needs resident **Carol Daniels**, who had her handicapped equipped van stolen last month, will take place this Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park. Proceeds from the drive will go towards purchasing a new van and other needed equipment. Call **(734) 740-2472**.

**A Designline Embroidery** on Belleville Road behind Inspirations Salon is giving away free tickets to the upcoming **Home Show** at the **Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds** in Saline March 18-20. Stop by or call **(734) 697-3545**.

**Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation's Children's Easter Egg Hunt** is also this Saturday, starting at noon at Graham Park. The event is free.

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**Doug Dalton Auctioneer** is holding his monthly **Estate Antique Auction** tomorrow evening, March 18, beginning with previews at 4 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Hall** on Ozga Road. Featured items include a collection of clocks, guns, fine china, musical instruments, dolls, toys and more. The auction itself starts at 6 p.m. For details and lots of photos visit [www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com](http://www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com).

**Wayne County Fairgrounds** is holding its annual **Irish Dinner Fundraiser** this Saturday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at the dining hall on Quirk Road. The cost is \$12 per person with the proceeds going to upkeep of the fairgrounds. Call **(734) 697-7002**

Today's paper features an insert for **Tin Pan Pizza** on Sumpter Road between Bemis and Willis roads. Tin Pan serves up breakfast, lunch, and dinner specials, and of course a pretty darn good pizza. See their flyer for coupons. Tin Pan is now serving alcohol, beer and wine. Call **(734) 699-9070**. To learn how you can have your advertisement flyer inserted into this newspaper, call me at **(734) 699 9020**.

The **Thunder Over Michigan Air Show** this August may not have the Blues or the Thunderbirds this year, but we are in for treat that is just as good. The new F-22 Raptor is coming, the Air Force's newest stealth, single seat, and tactical fighter aircraft. In all my travels to air shows around the Midwest, I've never seen the F-22 fly, only in static display. It has flight capabilities of falling out of a turn, so to speak, and in end-over-end-like fashion, unlike typical jets that require minimum-turn radius. Check them out on YouTube. The F-22 joins a line-up featuring France's Breitling Jet Team as headliners. For tickets and info, visit [www.yankeearmuseum.org](http://www.yankeearmuseum.org)

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **For the Month of March** – The Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., is hosting its 20<sup>th</sup>-annual Quilt Show.
- **Friday, March 18** – Belleville Area Museum presents Sherry Jones' T-Shirt Memory Quilt Informational Workshop at 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 19** – The Friends of the Library are having a "between the sales" book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. There are lots of new arrivals with more coming in every day, so this is a great time to stock up at bargain prices.
- **Saturday, March 19** – Annual Sumpter Township Easter Party for children at Graham Park at noon. Free. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation Commission.
- **Saturday, March 19** – Craft Beer and Wine Taste Fest from 4 to 7 p.m. at the BYC will benefit the Belleville Community Chorus. The event is sponsored by the Twisted Rooster. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Information: Geof Bush at (734) 776-7596
- **Saturday, March 19** – The fourth-annual St. Vincent de Paul Charity Basketball Tournament begins at 7 p.m. in the BHS gym to earn funds for those in need in the community. Doors open at 5 p.m. Auction, raffle, food and drink. Teams are made up of the local police and fire departments. Tickets \$10 for adults and children over 10 years old.

# INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

## AUCTION

### PUBLIC AUCTION

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### City of Belleville Special City Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2016

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

#### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 16-019 to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:02 P.M. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to close Executive Session at 6:48 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 16-020 to approve the MAFF agreement for (BPOCFF) Belleville paid on call firefighters subject to final approval of legal counsel.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Approved: March 7, 2016  
Published: March 17, 2016

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March 20 – Emily Hylton, Mary Ellen Morris

March 21 – Kim Toms

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# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE BIDS

### BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2000 Ford Crown Victoria  
2001 Ford Crown Victoria  
2008 Dodge Charger

The vehicles are being stored at the City of Belleville's parking lot on 6 Main Street. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by Friday, April 1, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the April 4, 2016 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed in the parking lot of the City of Belleville.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

**DATE: March 2, 2016**

**PUBLISH: March 10, 2016  
March 17, 2016  
March 24, 2016**

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer Applications



The City of Belleville is accepting resumes/applications for the position of City Clerk/Treasurer. Qualifications include a high school diploma (Associates Degree preferred) with specialized course work in general office practices such as filing, typing, etc., and have a minimum of two (2) years of government related experience. Must be knowledgeable in the principles and practices of modern public administration, a working knowledge of human resource administration and modern records management techniques. Is skilled in the operation of office tools and equipment, a working knowledge of computers and electronic data processing, is proficient in Microsoft office products. Must have the ability to accurately record and maintain records, have the ability to establish and maintain working relationships with employees, supervisors, other departments, officials and the public, ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing. Will be required to have the ability to effectively meet and deal with the public and to handle stressful situations. Must be bondable, have a valid state driver's license and become a notary public. Will be required to exercise supervision over clerical, temporary or other staff as assigned. Will be required to achieve "Certified Municipal Clerk" status and become accredited as an Election Official.

Please submit resumes/applications to the City Manager's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, no later than 4:00 P.M., April 8, 2016. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Lisa Long  
City Clerk

PUBLISH: March 17, 2016

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. <u>ROLL CALL</u>	
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.  
4. AGENDA APPROVAL  
Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 1, 2016 with name corrections to motion on Item 9 and second on Item 4.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Downtown Development & TIF Plan 2015 Amendment

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-007** to open Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M. to discuss the Downtown Development and TIF Plan 2015 Amendment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mike Renaud attempted to discourage City Council from approving the 2016-2046 Downtown Development and TIF Plan due to the small percentage of taxes captured by the City from the DDA parcels. Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to close Public Hearing at 7:44 P.M.

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. FY2014/15 Audit Report – Alan C. Young & Associates

James Wilde of Alan C Young & Associates, P.C. gave the FY2014/15 audit presentation noting that the City has received an unmodified opinion receiving the highest level of assurance provided by the external audit firm.

#### B. CBC Flop E. Bunny

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-008** to approve a request from CBC to hold the Flop-E-Bunny event at Victory Park on March 26, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Victory Station to be available if needed and details to be worked out with DPS and Police Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### C. CBC Taste of Belleville

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-009** to approve a request from CBC to hold the Taste of Belleville event on High Street after the Bridge Walk on August 18, 2016 from 3-9 P.M. High Street to be closed from the City Parking lot to Roys Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### D. CBC BooVille – Fourth Street Square Usage

Discussion was held on the use of Fourth Street Square by CBC during the BooVille events in October of 2016. City Council action not necessary but request to be filed.

#### E. Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-010** to approve the Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy with corrections to Items #20 to remove the words all tape and replace them with all markings and item #21 to note that the carnival hours on Main Street are the same as the Festival Hours except for Sunday hours on Main Street to be 12-7 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### F. Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy

Item #13 hours for the Festival's Main Street venue discussed. Also because Item #4 requires the use of City equipment and employees the City will be keeping track of time spent.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-011** to approve the Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### G. Chamber of Commerce – Strawberry Festival Carnival

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-012** to approve the Chamber of Commerce Strawberry Festival Carnival hours on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 as follows:

#### St. Anthony's Hours

Thursday from 5:00-11:00 p.m.

Friday from 12:00-11:00 p.m.

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday from 12:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Downtown Hours

Friday from 12:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday from 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce to comply with the Special Events Ordinance concerning applications and insurance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### H. Downtown Development & TIF Plan 2015 Amendment

Carol Thompson, DDA Director was present to explain the Downtown Development & TIF Plan 2015 amendment in detail and answer questions.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-013** to approve the Downtown Development & TIF Plan 2015 amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### I. Wolverine Pipeline – Easement

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-014** to approve a request from Wolverine Pipeline. City agrees to an amendment to the easement to provide for the 50 foot easement across the property in the same location of the prior easement, but wider. City only agrees to transportation of oil, gas, water, and other petroleum products.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### J. Civil Rights Settlement Agreement – City Attorney

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 16-015** to approve the proposed settlement agreement with the Department of Civil Rights.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### K. City Street Evaluation

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-016** to set a public information meeting at a time and place to be determined in the near future after receiving up to date interest charges for the cost of the road bonding project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-017**, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

#### 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase of real property prior to obtaining an option or lease

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 16-018** to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 10:02 P.M. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase of real property prior to obtaining an option or lease.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to close Executive Session at 10:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: March 7, 2016

Published: March 17, 2017



# State Fire Marshal: Cause of Denton Road fire is ‘undetermined’

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The cause of a December house fire in Van Buren Township that killed a teenager and seriously burned a young child is officially “undetermined.”

VB T Fire Chief Dan Besson said on Thursday that his department received the final report from the State Fire Marshal the previous week.

S/Sgt. Todd Pelletier of the Michigan State Police concluded the following origin

and cause:

“Due to the extent of the fire damage done to the structure, including structural collapse of the two-story section, a specific origin could not be identified. Based upon occupant statements, the fire was first observed in the basement. The cause will be classified as undetermined.”

VB T Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said his department’s fire investigators worked with the State Fire Marshal’s office and the cause could not be determined when all potential causes could not reasonably be ruled out.

Savion Robinson, 14, a Belleville High School freshman, died Dec. 13 in the fire that swept through his home at 47515 Denton Road. Reportedly, he had helped his family members escape from the blaze, but was not able to get out himself.

An 18-month-old girl, Amariyana Wells, was pulled out of the blaze by VB T Fire Lt. John Henderson and Henderson visited her at Mott Children’s Hospital during her long treatment for burns and recovery. The girl was recently released from the hospital and is reported to be recovering.

The house was the home of two women and five children. Fire fighters were called

about 4 a.m. and when they arrived the house was fully engulfed in flames.

Savion was missing for several hours after the fire was extinguished. His body was found around 8:45 a.m. by Belleville fire fighters in the lower level at the back of the house.

## Jessica Setter named to President’s List at Kendall College of Art

Jessica Setter of Belleville has been named to the President’s List at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University (KCAD) for the fall 2015 semester. To earn a spot on the President’s List, students must attend class full-time and achieve a semester GPA of 3.75-4.0.

Setter graduated in the semester of fall 2015 in the graphic design program. During the fall semester, Setter began interning at Terzes Photography of Grand Rapids. She also worked as a videographer, video editor, photographer and motion graphics designer within the communications department of KCAD as a work study.

A 2011 graduate of Belleville High School, Setter is the daughter of Charlotte Taras and Raymond Setter of Westland and Redford.

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### Notice of Public Hearing Sumpter Township

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to amend the 2015-2016 Budget and the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111-9601, 734-461-6201, Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Sumpter Township Hall, Clerk’s Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. All citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Sumpter Township Clerk

Published: March 17, 2016



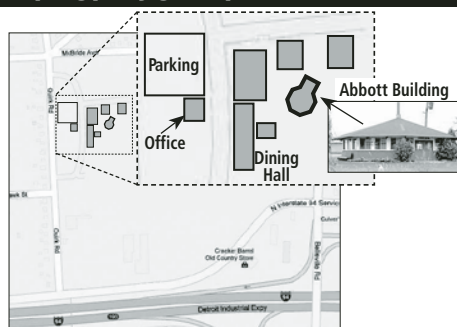
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**Abbott Building**  
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February 21	June 12	October 16
March 20	July 10	November 20
April 17	August 21	December 18



## They’re reading the Independent everywhere

Mary and Melvin Smith of Sumpter Township visited Kailua-Kona, the Big Island of Hawaii, and took along their *Independent* to read. They stayed at the Royal Kona Resort and enjoyed a submarine ride, lava tours, a tour around the island and an exciting round of deep-sea fishing with Captain Sandy of BITEME Sports Fishing. On that trip, Mary caught a 68-inch, 35-pound Short Nose Spearfish. The Smiths love to fish on Belleville Lake and they wore their “Sandy’s Marina” T-shirts for the deep-sea fishing. Captain Sandy loved the shirts so much that Melvin gave his special shirt to Sandy.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren’t going to an exotic location, just send us \$30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$35 out of state, and we’ll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won’t miss a single, exciting issue.



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 597 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, March 6:**  
0232 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N I-94 Service Dr.

1344 – breaking & entering, Rogers Ave.  
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1412 – suspicious situation, Coolidge St.  
1511 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.  
1849 – retail fraud, Belleville  
1911 – property damage accident, Belleville  
2101 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
2112 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2216 – agency assist, Lighthouse Dr.

**Monday, March 7:**  
0550 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
0832 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr., cancelled  
0928 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
0934 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.  
1135 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.  
1332 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
1528 – property damage accident, Quirk Park  
1607 – agency assist, Lighthouse Dr.  
1614 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1704 – mental, Haggerty Rd.

1708 – vehicle repossession, Belleville Rd., cancelled  
1729 – operating while intoxicated, Belle Tire, cancelled  
1741 – personal injury accident, Belleville/I-94  
1757 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1820 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.  
2044 – larceny from auto, Bradley Dr.  
2058 – fraud, Harwood Dr.  
2134 – overdose, Park Estates  
2218 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Tuesday, March 8:**  
0434 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove  
0728 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sunrise Ln.  
0843 – neighbor trouble, Greenwood Dr.  
0941 – agency assist, N. Timberview Dr.  
1002 – private property accident, Belleville, cancelled  
1018 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake  
1255 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1257 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1406 – private property incident, E. Huron River Dr.  
1436 – neighbor trouble, Sheldon Rd.  
1624 – shots fired, Wildbrook Dr.  
1628 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
1644 – fraud, Kent Dr.  
1708 – juvenile complaint, Jeremy Rd./Bradley Dr.  
1741 – juvenile complaint, I-94/Belleville/Quirk  
1747 – juvenile complaint, Assembly St.  
1816 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.  
1828 – fraud, Jackson St.  
1830 – PPO violation, Westlake  
1839 – intimidation threat, Tyler Rd./Jackson St.

1903 – vehicle repossession, Hardwood Dr., cancelled  
2335 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville  
2336 – suspicious situation, Ironwood Dr.

**Wednesday, March 9:**  
0406 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0623 – PPO violation, Meijer gas station, cancelled  
0634 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.  
0638 – panic alarm, Briarwood Dr.  
0646 – larceny, Hannan Rd.  
0808 – larceny, Jackson St.  
0855 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
0916 – harassment call, Rogers Ave.  
0929 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.  
1031 – larceny, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1140 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1154 -- disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.  
1311 – dumping complaint, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1608 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.  
1744 – disturbance, Locust Dr.

1802 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
1836 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1840 – fraud, Bayshore Dr., cancelled  
1853 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.  
1900 – suspicious person, W. Walden  
1907 – suspicious person, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
2001 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.

2116 – agency assist, Borgman Rd.  
2118 – assault & battery, Red Roof Inn

**Thursday, March 10:**  
0352 – assault & battery, Pond Ridge Dr.  
0612 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
1017 – agency assist, Cahrls ST.  
1129 – larceny, Harmony Ln.

1137 – suspicious person, Haggerty Center / Haggerty Rd.  
1202 – suicide or attempt, McBride Ave.  
1336 – sexual assault, Maple Dr.  
1353 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.  
1439 – private property accident, rest area/I-94  
1455 – private property incident, Haggerty Rd.  
1456 – private property incident, Van Born Rd.  
1527 – suspicious person, Dewitt Rd.  
1621 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
1704 – family trouble, E. Walden Dr.  
1741 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
1742 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.

**Friday, March 11:**  
0219 – disturbance, Denton Rd.  
0920 – abandoned auto, E. Archwood Dr.  
1053 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr.

1119 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1232 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1233 – suspicious person, Lake Point Blvd.  
1329 – narcotics crime, Michigan Ave./Dellor  
1425 – private property incident, Quirk Rd.  
1443 – suspicious person, Sheldon Rd.  
1637 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
1746 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.  
1932 – larceny from auto, Van Born  
2017 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2017 – suspicious vehicle, Dewitt Rd.  
2023 – noise complaint, Truman  
2027 – suspicious situation, Brandi  
2027 – juvenile complaint, Bradley Dr.  
2232 – agency assist, Rawsonville Speedway

**Saturday, March 12:**  
0207 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
0440 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0647 – assist fire dept., Dewitt Rd.  
0733 – agency assist, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0907 – property damage, E. Huron River Dr.  
1000 – private property incident, Van Buren Park  
1124 – vehicle repossession, W. Archwood Dr.  
1551 – water leak found, McKinley St./Wheeler St.  
1703 – mental, Bemis Rd.  
1707 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

1732 – felony assault, Haggerty Rd.  
1735 – civil matter, North Shore  
1737 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2003 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
2126 – narcotics crime, Belleville  
2223 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
2314 – retail fraud, Belleville  
2347 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 258 traffic stops, 106 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways, and 27 within the city of Belleville.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 6:**  
0445 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
1031 – suspicious person, Denton Rd./Main St.  
1401 – assist fire dept., Savage/Victoria Commons  
1400 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1422 – follow up, Huron River  
1503 – warrant arrest, Haggerty/I-94  
1521 – suspicious vehicle, Owen Middle School  
1926 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1938 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
2259 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

2355 – follow up, Peninsular  
**Monday, March 7:**  
0141 – disorderly conduct, Carmell St.  
0949 – welfare check, Henry St.  
1036 – E-911 cellular, lat/long, cancelled  
1524 – larceny, Carmell St.  
1854 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia  
2113 – vehicle lockout, Henry St.  
2148 – intrusion alarm, South St.  
2252 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

**Tuesday, March 8:**  
0503 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.  
0817 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0921 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1108 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1119 – larceny from auto, Oxford Ct.  
1148 – larceny, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1222 – fraud, Main St.  
1226 – malicious destruction of property, A&W  
1240 – harassment call, E. Columbia Ave.  
1309 – wires down, Owen  
1326 – harassment call, Third St.  
1443 – larceny from auto, W. Waterbury Ct.  
1546 – disorderly conduct, Carmell  
1642 – traffic hazard, W. Columbia Ave.

1654 – background investigation, Estrada Dr., cancelled  
1736 – E-911 cellular, E. Huron River Dr.  
1812 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Dr.  
1932 – assist fire dept., Victorian  
2321 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

**Wednesday, March 9:**  
0851 – suspicious person, Belleville Bridge  
1213 – found property, Village Park  
1438 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1716 – juvenile complaint, Tuscan Manor  
1919 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2157 – assist fire dept., Henry St.  
2221 – vehicle lockout, Henry St.

**Thursday, March 10:**  
0135 – suspicious person, Harbour Pointe  
0241 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.  
1009 – assist fire dept., Charles St.  
1121 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.  
1818 – juvenile complaint, Horizon Park  
1840 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1936 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2015 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
2032 – assault & battery, Hayward’s  
2209 – suspicious situation, E. Thornhill Ct.

**Friday, March 11:**  
0057 – assault & battery, Main St.  
0925 – civil matter, Breakwater Ct.  
0954 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.  
1202 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.  
1243 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.  
1407 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
1640 – private property accident, Main St.  
1651 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
1652 – disorderly conduct, McBride  
1713 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1735 – juvenile complaint, Owen Intermediate  
1855 – motorist assist, Burhop’s  
2043 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.

**Saturday, March 12:**  
1924 – narcotics crime, N. Liberty St.  
1957 – noise complaint, Greylock St.  
2152 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
2252 – suspicious person, Belle Plaza  
2304 – intimidation threat, S. Liberty St.  
2305 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St., cancelled  
2327 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 42 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 6:**  
0136 – civil dispute, Edgewood  
0941 – mental health commitment, 8600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0957 – 911 hang up, Edgewood  
1037 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1222 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
1330 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1351 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1548 – suspicious incident, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1613 – larceny, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1635 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Harris  
1704 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1850 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis  
1933 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1948 – property damage accident, Willow/Elwell  
2022 – well-being check, Brookview  
2107 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville

**Monday, March 7:**  
0543 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0927 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1406 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1424 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1626 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1806 – death investigation, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2047 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Tuesday, March 8:**  
1016 – fraud complaint, Rustic Ln.  
1155 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster  
1419 – warrant arrest pick up, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1614 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1643 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2240 – shots fired, Martinsville/Willow

**Wednesday, March 9:**  
0120 – family trouble, California  
0652 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0744 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1040 – larceny, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1344 – assault, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1516 – dumping complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

1554 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1600 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1824 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2052 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2106 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

**Thursday, March 10:**  
0607 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
0643 – property damage accident, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
0709 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0744 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1201 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1342 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow  
1522 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1605 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1607 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1655 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1841 – threats complaint, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1853 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1935 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.  
1952 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville

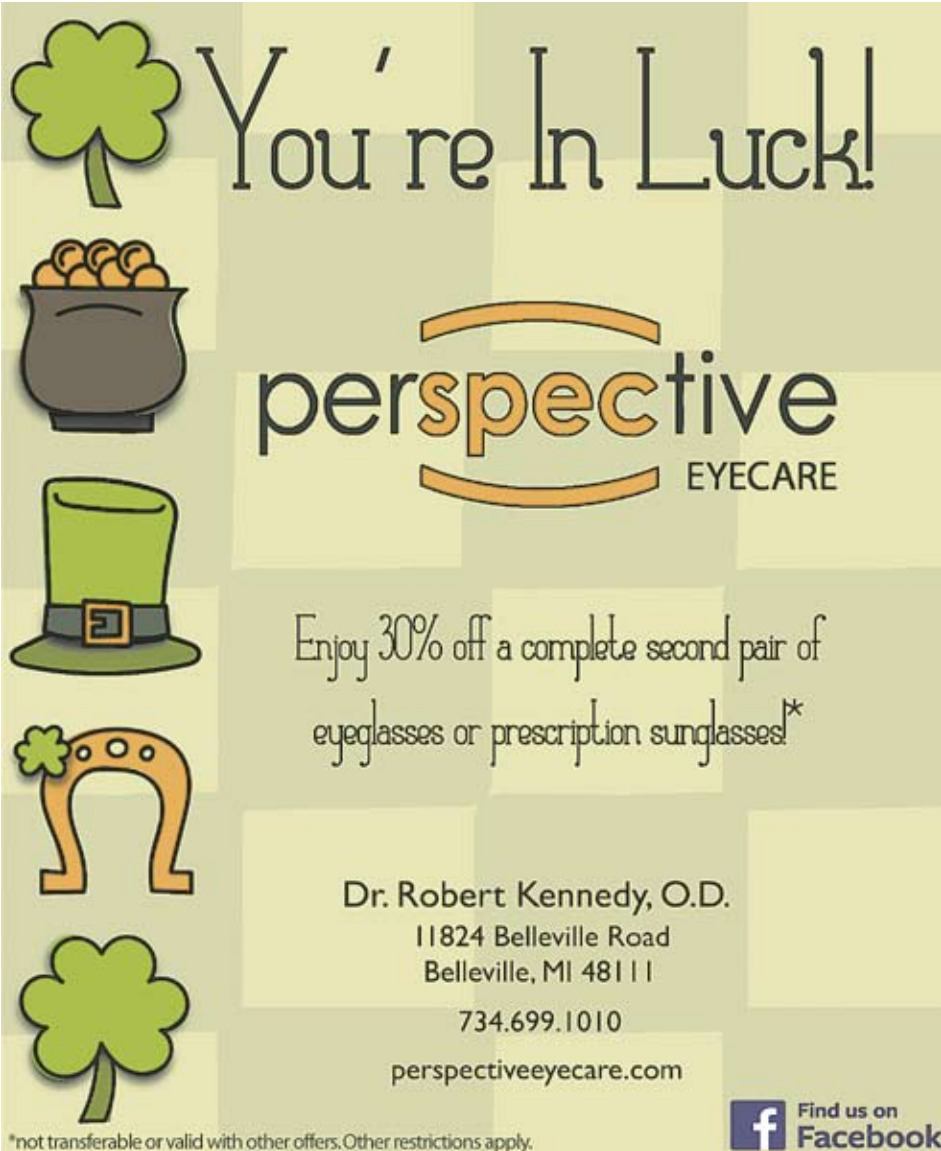
**Friday, March 11:**  
0154 – warrant arrest pick up, 8400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0416 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Bunton  
1106 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1119 – fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1121 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville  
1243 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1507 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln./Stonecrest  
1542 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville  
1845 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
1910 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Judd  
1914 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Bemis  
2129 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2322 – disorderly person, Wyoming/California  
2349 – civil dispute, Pecan

**Saturday, March 12:**  
0137 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0217 – assist other agency, out of township  
0238 – assist other agency, out of township  
0310 – fire dept. assist, Virginia  
0719 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sully  
0832 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1031 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1100 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster  
1217 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Savage  
1354 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming  
1639 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1734 – LCC violation, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1757 – LCC violation, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2011 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2059 – LCC violation, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2100 – LCC violation, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2140 – LCC violation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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